

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 8 of the specification, replace the paragraph beginning on the line numbered 25 and ending on page 9 on the line numbered 9 with the following paragraph:

FIG. 3 illustrates functional components of a system for abstraction of logical editing operations according to an embodiment of the present invention. As shown here, a computer system 300, such as system 200 above, may execute one or more applications 305. The application 305 may be any of a variety of possible applications such as a word processor, web browser, email program, or other type of software. The application 305 detects editing operations performed on objects being displayed. For example, a user may select an edge of an object being displayed and drag the edge to resize the object. Once an editing operation is detected, the application 305 may request the abstraction layer 310 to perform the appropriate editing operation using an interface 325 provided by the abstraction layer 310. The display module 315 of the computer system 300 displays the objects 330-340 and container 315 based in part on properties 325 ~~or of~~ the container 315 as well as properties 345-355 of the objects 330-340.